

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 13 are in this application and are presented for consideration. By this amendment, Applicant has made minor changes to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. It is Applicant's position that all claims are now allowable.


The disclosure has been objected to based on a problem regarding the amendment to paragraph 19 on page 7. Applicant notes that Applicant's version of the amendment shows the first term "component" with a strike through (deleted) with the second word "components" underlined. Accordingly, in Applicant's version of the amendment, the problem which is referenced is not present. However, should the Examiner determine that any issues remain regarding this, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney such that all outstanding issues may be resolved at any early time.

Claims 1 through 13 have been rejected with regard to the use of the term "tensioning means" and "tensioning device". Applicant notes that this term is sometimes used in this industry, with regard to an element being tense or rigid. Nevertheless, Applicant agrees that the terms tension and compression do have particular meanings generally in the mechanical arts and Applicant has therefore made changes to the claims and specification. It is believed that all related issues have been resolved.

Claims 7 through 13 have been rejected as being indefinite. Applicant has now revised these claims paying close attention to the Examiner's comments. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful reading of the claims and for the helpful comments. It is Applicant's position that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable and further action is requested.

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